

elected groups (i.e., Group II and Group III) at any time during the pendency of the present application.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants take this opportunity to notify the Examiner of the existence of two co-pending, co-owned U.S. patent applications - Serial No. 09/950,341, entitled "Calcination" and filed September 11, 2001 and Serial No. 10/117,908, entitled "Recalcined Catalyst" and filed April 8, 2002. Copies of each of U.S. Serial Nos. 09/950,341 and 10/117,908 are submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience and consideration.

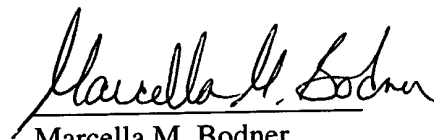
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing election and comments, applicants respectfully request that the present application, including elected Claims 1-5 and 8, now be examined on the merits.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the submission of this Election In Response To Restriction Requirement And Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits for the present application. If, however, any such fees are due, including extension and petition fees, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 18-1850.

Please direct all further correspondence to the undersigned, as attorney of record. In this regard, it is noted that this Election In Response To Restriction Requirement And Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by an executed Associate Power of Attorney for the purpose of adding the undersigned as an attorney of record in the present application.

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